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INK-SUPPLYING APPARATUS, )  
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AND METHOD FOR SUPPLYING )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following below the title of the invention: --This

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